

Paul Howe Shepard (1890 to 1961)

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Paul Howe Shepard, Director of the Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station, at Mountain Grove, Missouri, died suddenly of a coronary occlusion, while attending the annual meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science, at Purdue University, this past summer.

Paul Shepard was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1890. He received his B.S. in Horticulture from the University of Missouri in 1915. While at the University he starred in football. He also did some graduate work at Cornell University and Washington State College.

After service in World War I, he operated one of the largest orchards in Jackson County, Missouri.

In 1934, Paul became Director of the Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station. He believed fruit breeding to be the most interesting and rewarding of all horticultural work, and was a breeder of fruits for many years. He was responsible for the introduction by his Station of the following new fruit varieties:

Apple: Delcon, Wright, Jonagram.

Grape: Beaver, Blue Eye, Bokay, Bryant, Eleven Point, Gasconade, North Fork, Ozark Prize, Piney, Roubidoux, St. Francis, Tetra.

Peach: Loring, Osage, Ozark, Poppy, Romance.

Plum: Bluebell, Bluefre, Bonnie, Brillinat, Marvel, Oxheart, Ozark Premier, Radiance, Redbud, Twi-lite.

Paul Shepard was a past president of the American Pomological Society and the Missouri State Horticultural

Society; a recipient of the Wilder Medal of the American Pomological Society for his many horticultural achievements; and a member of the Gamma Sigma Delta national agricultural honorary society.

Surviving him are his wife Clara; two sons, Dr. Paul Howe, Jr., Associate Professor at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and Richard Grigsby, an actor in New York City; four grandchildren and two brothers.

Friends are contributing to the Paul Howe Shepard Memorial Fund for Horticulture at the University of Missouri.



Fig. 1. Paul Howe Shepard